

PASTORAL NOTES.

Sunday, October 4, our meeting was at Mount Union in the morning and at Vinco in the evening. Sunday, the 11th at the Pike in the morning, when Brother Replogle of Johnstown, Pa., preached us a good sound Gospel sermon which was well appreciated not only by the pastor but by the congregation as well. In the evening our meeting was at Mount Union again, also Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. On Wednesday evening, Brother Koontz of East Conemaugh preached for us and did it well. On Thursday evening the 15th, was the time appointed for our communion meeting at Mount Union. Our old Brother Wampler of Blanco, Pa., came over to help us. Had a good meeting. On Friday the 16th, about 8 o'clock P. M. about a score of the good sisters with a few young men and boys entered our house and had things about their own way for a short time, and indeed, they were quite welcome. I suppose it will not be out of place for me to say to the readers of the EVANGELIST, they brought us potatoes, oats, flour, sugar, coffee, apple-butter, butter, honey, maple syrup and many other good things to numerous to mention even down to chickens all for the preacher and family. Thanks, friends.

On Saturday the 17th we laid away the remains of our old friend and brother Jonas F. Goughnour of West Taylor Township, who died suddenly. Aged 67 years and a few months.

Sunday the 18th, meeting at Vinco, morning and afternoon with communion in the evening. Weather very inclement, but the meetings were good. Brother Wampler was our help in these meetings. Over the 25th, our meetings were at Mount Union again. On the 31st, preached the funeral sermon for a little boy of Brother and Sister Kels, and thus ended our work for October 1896.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Vinco, Pa.

REMOVAL.

It is now one month since we left Ashland and moved to Winchester in Southwestern Ohio. The object of this was not that we did not like Ashland or the people, but to take charge of the work left by brother Martin Shively, who moved to California, from choice and not from necessity for indeed Brother Shively was liked and the people were loth to give him up.

Well we are living in the same house occupied by Brother Shively and serving the same congregation and following the same routine of appointments. We have been busy fixing up and getting ready for

winter. We have things in pretty good shape now and ready to receive and entertain our friends. Our latch string is always out and a general and cordial invitation is extended. We like our new home very much. We have a pleasant little town, a beautiful country, splendid roads and the people are very sociable and kind to us. Our work is a little heavy but pleasant and we are well satisfied.

Expect to commence a series of meetings at West Alexandria about the 20 of this month, November. Everybody invited to participate. We pray for success. Please remember that our address is Gratis, Preble Co., Ohio. Box 87. Many of our letters are still drifting to Ashland and have to be forwarded which causes delay. Our love to all.

JOSIAH KEIM.

Book and Tract Work.

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IT'S WORKING, YES!

Brother Metsker of Kansas, says: "I sent for some of the doctrinal numbers of the B. E. and am placing them where there is a prospect of their doing good. The first one I gave to a young man that has been baptized by single immersion. A few days later I asked him if he had read it yet? He said he had read most of the immersion articles, and in our conversation he freely admitted that he had never seen it as he does now. It's working."

A PROPER PROSPECT.

Brother M. says he puts the papers where there is a prospect of their doing good. That is it exactly. To hand a tract to a man who had no arms, when the tract was on "fighting," would be useless. Common sense must be used in spiritual planting as in physical, and also in regard as to where the planting is to be done. The judicious distribution of literature must result in good. That is being done in the Brethren Church, and we are finding practical results within our own borders. Thank the Lord.

THE RED CROSS AND TRACTS.

This great movement came from a tract or pamphlet, written by a man interested in humanity. Munsey says:

The published accounts of the war in the far East pay a signal tribute to the power and prestige of the badge that has done so much to alleviate the horrors of modern warfare—the Red Cross of Geneva.

The history of the Red Cross movement is a remarkable one. Thirty-five years ago a Swiss gentleman, who happened to witness Louis Napoleon's victory over the Austrians at Solferino, wrote a pamphlet describing the awful scenes of the battle-field, where wounded and dying men lay for days without attention. He went on to suggest the formation of societies for supplying medical aid in time of war; societies which should be strictly neutral in their services, and should receive a guarantee of immunity and protection from all civilized governments.

The suggestion bore fruit with surprising rapidity. In 1864 representatives of sixteen nations met at Geneva and signed the well known convention that bears that city's name. The United States where Miss Clara Barton was the great leader of the movement—were not among the original signers, but they joined by act of Congress during President Arthur's administration; and it was from America that the idea was introduced into Japan, where a national Red Cross association was formed eight years ago. Last September the mikado, who is president of this organization, directed his war minister to order the strict observation of the Geneva treaty by the Japanese forces. The newspapers report that its merciful rules, which protect the disabled soldier irrespective of his allegiance, have been faithfully carried out by at least one of the combatant parties in Eastern Asia.

POLITICAL TRACTS.

It is said one of the great political parties has sent into one state, an average of five circulars and pamphlets to each inhabitant. That seems strong, and may be eaten with a grain of salt, but it is a fact that the politicians of all parties appreciate the importance of literature, and use to a wonderful extent the printing press. The children of the world are wise, but why should they be more wise or earnest, than Christians, whose cause will stand still when political parties are hardly a memory. "Thy throne O God, is forever." Let us harness the press to make known this great fact, and secure subjects for the wonderful kingdom, of which Christ is King.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

No man can hinder our private access to God. Every man can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his heart the sacrifice, and the earth he treads on the altar.—Jeremy Taylor.

The heart that is soonest awake to the flowers is always the first to be touched by the thorns.—Moore.